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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Our God and Creator, You brought order out of chaos. We marvel at the balance in nature and the orderly succession of the seasons.

Bring order and harmony to this legislative body. Lord, remind our lawmakers that far more will be accomplished through unity than can ever be achieved through partisan divisions. Help them to listen to one another and to respect the wisdom that may come from someone with a different political label. May the strengthening of their relationship with You improve their ability to cooperate in their human interactions as Your spirit unites them for the common good.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK R. WARNER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 1, 2009.

*To the Senate:*

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
*President pro tempore.*

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I note the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### UPCOMING CHALLENGES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, at the beginning of each of this year's work periods, we have returned to the Capitol from all corners of the country re-

minded of the serious nature of the challenges we face. American families are looking up from the deepest ditch in generations—a hole we all inherited and one from which we are committed to climb out. Like Americans who worry about how they will pay their bills, send their kids to school, and afford to stay healthy, getting our economy back on track is the first thing we think about in the morning and the last thing we think about at night. We also know we are headed in the right direction.

Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada is home to the largest solar array of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. Last week, President Obama and I toured the Nellis solar array and met the people who benefit from the tens of thousands of solar panels that help power that base. It is a huge base; 12,000 people are fixed on that base. But the solar panels provide 30 percent of the electricity for that electric-hungry base. It is an example of exactly the kind of project that creates jobs, moves America toward energy independence, and makes the air we breathe cleaner. Because of the economic recovery plan we passed earlier this year, we are investing in projects such as this one at Nellis to put America on a path to prosperity.

During the past few weeks, we have seen the good that can happen when we look out for Main Street, not just Wall Street.

There is no reason the next work period should be any different. Similar to the earlier months of this year, the next one presents a long list of priorities.

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